

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-7-34-17

Issued at: Homer, Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 4, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
August 14, 2017, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the personal use bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in China Poot Creek from six fish to 25 fish and extends the season.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.545(a) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 4 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 14, 2017:

5 AAC 77.545 Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.

(a) In China Poot Creek, upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers, sockeye salmon may be taken by dipnet from July 1 through August 14, with a bag and possession limit of 25 fish. King, pink, chum, and coho salmon may not be retained or possessed. All king, pink, chum, and coho salmon caught, may not be retained, and must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carol Kerkvliet
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JUSTIFICATION:

Leisure Lake, at the headwaters of China Poot Creek, has been stocked with sockeye salmon since 1976 to supplement commercial catches in Kachemak Bay. Due to the presence of barrier falls upstream from the intertidal area of China Poot Creek, adult sockeye salmon that escape harvest in the commercial fishery are available for harvest in the terminal fishery between the intertidal area and barrier falls.

On August 1, 2017, a stream survey was conducted in the area open for personal use fishing and approximately 700 sockeye salmon were counted. In order to maximize harvest opportunity of stocked sockeye salmon in this terminal fishery while minimally impacting wild pink salmon, it is justified to increase the bag and possession limit to 25 sockeye salmon and extend the season through August 14.

DISTRIBUTION:

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